

ABSTRACT

[0032] A hand tool, comprising: first and second members, each having a jaw at one end and a handle at an opposite end, the members pivotable between an open position and a closed position; and a retainer for selectively maintaining the members in the closed position. The hand tool could be a plier tool with a pivot pin connecting the members and enabling the members to pivot between the open and closed positions. A method of securing a clamp to an object, comprising the steps of: providing an object; providing a flexible clamp; placing the clamp on the object; actuating the hand tool to draw ends of the clamp towards each other to reduce a gap therebetween; actuating the retainer on the hand tool to keep the reduced gap; providing a fastener; securing the ends together with the fastener; and releasing the tool from the clamp.